

BOLTON COUNCIL

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Bolton on Wednesday next, 22nd February, 2012 at 7.00pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted: -

1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Council held on 7th December, 2011. (Section A).

2. Recommendations to Council

(a) Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

To approve or otherwise the recommendations of the Executive made at its meeting on 13th February, 2012, (see Section C) relating to the fixing of the budget, the setting of the Council Tax and the determination of associated financial matters (see Section B for copy of the motion to be moved at the Council).

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

That the Council's 2012/13 Pay Policy Statement, as circulated, be approved having regard to any guidance once issued.

(c) Motion to be moved by Councillor Ibrahim:-

That Council agrees to the adoption of the Joint Waste Development Plan Document and consequential changes to Bolton's Proposals Map on 1st April, 2012.

3. Policy Framework

Motion to be moved by Councillor Morris:-

That the Community Strategy be approved.

4. Changes in Committee Membership and Appointments to Other Bodies

5. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(a)

6. Questions under Standing Order No. 9(c)

7. Committee Proceedings

To approve the proceedings of the following Committees:

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Planning Committee (See Section B)

Licensing and Environmental Regulations Committee
(See Section C)

8. Scrutiny Committees

To receive and consider the proceedings of the undermentioned Scrutiny Committees:-

Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee (See Section D) (enclosed)

Environmental Services, Regeneration, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee (See Section E) (enclosed)

Adults, Community and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (See Section F) (enclosed)

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (See Section G) (submitted for information only)

9. Area Forums

To receive and consider the proceedings of the under mentioned Area Forums:-

Astley Bridge Area Forum
Bradshaw Area Forum
BRIGHTMET Area Forum
Bromley Cross Area Forum
Farnworth Area Forum (to be tabled)
Great Lever Area Forum
Halliwell Area Forum
Harper Green Area Forum
Heaton and Lostock Area Forum
Hulton Area Forum
Kearsley Area Forum
Little Lever and Darcy Lever Area Forum
Rumworth Area Forum
Smithills Area Forum
Tonge with the Haulgh Area Forum
Two Towns Area Forum
Westhoughton with Chew Moor

10. Motions under Standing Order No. 4

(a) Motion to be moved by the Mayor:-

That this Council wishes to place on record its congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. Her devotion and dedication to all her subjects over her 60 year reign is immeasurable. Long may she reign.

(b) Motion to be moved by Councillor Chadwick:-

This Council calls upon the Government to fund the Northern Rail Hub as a top priority in helping to rebalance the economy outside of the South East.

If it is to achieve economic growth, the north of England needs a rail network that provides faster, more frequent journeys, better connections and capacity to accommodate passengers throughout the day.

The Northern Hub can deliver this, when built it will improve connections between the towns and cities, ports and airports of the north and improve services for all passengers. If we remove the congestion around Manchester, we will get the benefits of electrification - which the Government has already approved.

The Northern hub has a strong business case – for every £1 the government invests, £4 will be returned to the economy of the north. We want to see the Northern Hub, a project that is crucial to economic growth in the north of England (between 20000 and 30000 jobs will be created through this rail intervention) being delivered in its totality in Network Rail's next Control Period 5 (2014-2019).

Any fragmentation will diminish both the benefits of the Hub solution and may, in some cases, make services worse.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. R. Harriiss' with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

SEAN HARRISS
Chief Executive
Town Hall, Bolton

15th February, 2012.

The proceedings of the Executive and Executive Member Portfolio meetings from 5th December, 2011 to 13th February, 2012 are included for information only in a separate volume, together with the minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee, Chief Officers Appointments Panel and the Standards Committee.